

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Second Assembly

**Parliamentary Record**

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THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

No. 11

Tuesday 28 February 1978

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours, being the time fixed by Mr Speaker, pursuant to the Resolution of 6 December 1977 - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.

2. OFFICE OF CLERK: The Speaker informed the Assembly of the retirement on 16 December 1977 of the Clerk, Mr F.H. Walker, and the appointment of Mr F.K.M. Thompson as Clerk of the Assembly.

3. PETITION: Mr Isaacs presented a Petition from 61 residents of the northern suburbs relating to construction of a pedestrian overpass across Trower Road.

Petition received and read.

4. PETITION: Mr Ballantyne presented a petition from 284 residents of Nhulunbuy and other areas requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Petition received.

5. PETITION: Mrs Padgham-Purich presented a Petition from 110 residents of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Mrs Padgham-Purich moved -

That the Petition be received.

Mrs O'Neil moved as an amendment -

Add the words "and read".

Question put and negatived.

Question -

That the Petition be received

put and passed.

6. PETITION: Mr Doolan presented a Petition from 34 residents of Pine Creek requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Petition received and read.

7. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Everingham: To move -

That the Assembly extends its congratulations to past Members of this House who were recipients of this year's Australian and Imperial Honours.

Mr Everingham: To present the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance Repeal Bill 1978 (Serial 30) and the Interpretation Bill 1978 (Serial 42).

Mr Robertson: To present the Local Government Bill 1978 (Serial 52) and the Alsatian Dogs Ordinance Repeal Bill 1978 (Serial 47).

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Lottery and Gaming Bill 1978 (Serial 54).

Mr Steele: To present the Fire Brigades Arbitral Tribunal Bill 1978 (Serial 51).

Mrs O'Neil: To present the Consumers Protection Council Bill 1978 (Serial 56).

8. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

9. NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE - ANNUAL REPORT: Mr Everingham laid on the Table the annual report of the Northern Territory Police for the year ended 30 June 1977.
10. GOVE DISTRICT HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD - REPORT: Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table the report of the Board dated 3 February 1978.
11. NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STUDY - REPORT: Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table the First Progress Report of the Northern Territory Tourism Development Study.
12. NORTHERN TERRITORY RESERVES BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT: Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table the Board's Annual Report for 1976-7.
13. NORTHERN TERRITORY TRADE DELEGATIONS - STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, made a statement relating to the Northern Territory trade delegations.
- Mr Doolan, by leave, moved -
- That the Statement be noted
- and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.
14. WILLEROO PROJECT - STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, made a statement relating to the proposed acquisition of Willeroo Station.
- Mr Doolan, by leave, moved -
- That the Statement be noted
- and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.
15. CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to constitutional development in the Northern Territory.

Mr Isaacs, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted

and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

16. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - PROPOSED ADDRESS IN REPLY: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Everingham -

That the Address be agreed to.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

17. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Crown Lands Bill (No. 3) 1977 was called on.
18. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 3) 1977 (Serial 7): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

19. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 18): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1213 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Clauses 1 to 8, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 9 -

On the motion of Mr Robertson the following amendment was made:

Omit in 9(2) "pending" and substitute "paper".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

20. PROPOSED FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND N.T. EXECUTIVE - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to proposed financial arrangements for the transfer of powers to the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory.

Mr Isaacs, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate adjourned.

21. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR. N. DONDAS: Mr Vale moved -

That leave of absence for the duration of these sittings be granted to Mr Dondas who is attending a parliamentary seminar in the United Kingdom.

Question put and passed.

22. MOTOR VEHICLES BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 23): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

23. AUCTIONEERS BILL 1977 (Serial 14): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

24. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1600 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 February 1978, pursuant to statute:

Determinations and Agreements

Fire Officers Arbitral Tribunal Agreement No. 1 (31 January 1978)

Public Service By-laws

1977

- No. 16 Public Service (Salaries and Designations) By-laws  
No. 17 Amendments of the Public Service (Conditions of Appointment and Promotion) By-laws

1978

- No. 1 Amendments of the Public Service (Conditions of Appointment and Promotion) By-laws  
No. 2 Amendment of the Public Service (Terms and Conditions of Service) By-laws

Recommendation under Section 103 of the Crown Lands Ordinance

Revocation of Lot 5192 from Reserve No. 1018.

Regulations

1977

- No. 20 Amendments of the Port By-laws
- No. 21 Amendment of the Cyclone Disaster (Water and Sewerage Charges) Regulations
- No. 23 Amendments of the Housing Loans Regulations
- No. 24 Amendments of the Building Regulations
- No. 25 Amendments of the Building Regulations

1978

- No. 1 Amendments of the Prison Regulations
- No. 2 Amendment of Hospital and Medical Services (Charges) Regulations
- No. 3 Amendment of the Building Regulations
- No. 4 Amendment of the Port By-laws

Report

Darwin Hospital Advisory Board - February 1978

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Dondas who had been granted leave of absence.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 12

Wednesday 1 March 1978

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS: Mrs O'Neil presented a Petition from 98 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Petition received and read.

Mr Isaacs presented a Petition from 84 citizens which was identical in terms with the Petition presented by Mrs O'Neil.

Petition received.

3. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Everingham: To present the Oaths Bill 1978 (Serial 41).

Mr Everingham: To present the Aboriginal Lands Bill 1978 (Serial 31), the Crown Lands Bill 1978 (Serial 32), the Special Purposes Leases Bill 1978 (Serial 33), the Cemeteries Bill 1978 (Serial 34), the Social Welfare Bill 1978 (Serial 35), the Mining Bill 1978 (Serial 36), the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Bill (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 37), the Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Bill 1978 (Serial 38), the Coal Bill 1978 (Serial 39), and the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Bill 1978 (Serial 50).

Mr Everingham: To move -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent ten Bills relating to Aboriginal Lands -

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stages and the third readings of the Bills together; and

(b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

Mr Steele: To present the Petroleum Products Subsidy Bill 1978 (Serial 62).

4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
5. EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S ORDERS: Mr Perron laid on the Table seven orders made under the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Ordinance (No. 1) 1977-78 and the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Ordinance (No. 2) 1977-78.

Mr Isaacs moved -

That the Orders be noted

and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

6. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - THIRD REPORT: Mr Oliver laid on the Table the third report of the standing committee.
7. AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL - STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, made a statement relating to the 52nd meeting of the Australian Transport Advisory Council held at Wellington, N.Z.

Miss D'Rozario, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted

and was granted leave to continue her remarks at a later hour.

8. UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 19): Mr Ballantyne, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Ballantyne moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

9. SICK LEAVE BILL 1977 (Serial 25): Mr Isaacs, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Isaacs moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

10. HOLIDAYS BILL 1977 (Serial 26): Mr Isaacs, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Isaacs moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

11. ANNUAL HOLIDAYS BILL 1977 (Serial 27): Mr Isaacs, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Isaacs moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

12. CONSUMERS PROTECTION COUNCIL BILL 1978 (Serial 56): Mrs O'NEIL, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mrs O'Neil moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

13. DARWIN CYCLONE TRACY RELIEF TRUST FUND - MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 1977 REPORTS: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Mrs Lawrie -

That the Reports be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the notice relating to the Lottery and Gaming Bill 1978 (Serial 54) was called on.
15. LOTTERY AND GAMING BILL 1978 (Serial 54): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Tuxworth, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Lottery and Gaming Bill 1978 (Serial 54) passing through all stages at this sittings.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

Debate adjourned.

16. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the notice relating to the Local Government Bill 1978 (Serial 52) was called on.
17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 1978 (Serial 52): Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Local Government Bill 1978 (Serial 52) passing through all stages at this sittings.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

Debate adjourned.

18. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson, the order of the day relating to the Mining Bill (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 29) was called on.

19. MINING BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 29): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1156 and 1400 hours.

20. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the notice relating to Mr Everingham's motion was called on.

21. CONGRATULATIONS TO RECIPIENTS OF HONOURS: Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, moved -

That the Assembly extends its congratulations to past Members of this House who were recipients of this year's Australian and Imperial Honours.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

22. ALSATIAN DOGS ORDINANCE REPEAL BILL 1978 (Serial 47): Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

23. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ORDINANCE REPEAL BILL 1978 (Serial 30): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

24. FIRE BRIGADES ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL BILL 1978 (Serial 51): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

25. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE: On the motion of Mr Robertson the notice relating to the Interpretation Bill 1978 (Serial 42) was postponed.

26. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Crown Lands Bill (No. 3) 1977 (Serial 7) was called on.

27. CROWN LANDS BILL (No. 3) 1977 (Serial 7): The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole Assembly.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 negatived, after debate.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

28. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the notice relating to the Interpretation Bill 1978 (Serial 42) was called on.

29. INTERPRETATION BILL 1978 (Serial 42): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

30. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of business was fixed from the order of the day relating to the Special Purposes Leases Bill 1977 (Serial 13).
31. SPECIAL PURPOSES LEASES BILL 1977 (Serial 13): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 negatived, after debate.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

32. ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BILL 1977 (Serial 20): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

33. ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL BILL 1977 (Serial 21): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mrs Padgham-Purich)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 8, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 9 -

On the motion of Mr Harris the following amendment was made, after debate:

Omit from sub-clause (2)(b) "of not less than one year".

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following further amendment was made:

Omit from sub-clause (2) "shall" and substitute "may".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Remainder of the Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

34. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 22): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 5 -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendments were made:

Insert in proposed paragraph (c) after "which" the words "the Admission Board is satisfied".

Insert in proposed paragraph (c) after "that Court" the words ", as at the time of the hearing of his application for admission to practise as a legal practitioner of the Court,".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to, after debate.

Clause 7 -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendment was made:

After paragraph (a) insert the following paragraphs:

"(aa) by omitting from sub-section (1)(a) 'in partnership; or' and substituting 'or in partnership;';

(ab) by inserting at the end of sub-section (1) the following word and paragraph:

'; or (c) the Commonwealth Deputy Crown Solicitor for the Northern Territory.';"

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendment was made:

Omit proposed new section 39(3)(c).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following new clause was inserted in the Bill:

"8A. Section 43 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after 'Territory' the words 'or the Commonwealth Deputy Crown Solicitor for the Northern Territory'."

Clause 9 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.



The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

35. BLUE TONGUE VIRUS - STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, made a statement relating to the incidence of a 'blue tongue' virus in the Northern Territory.

36. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

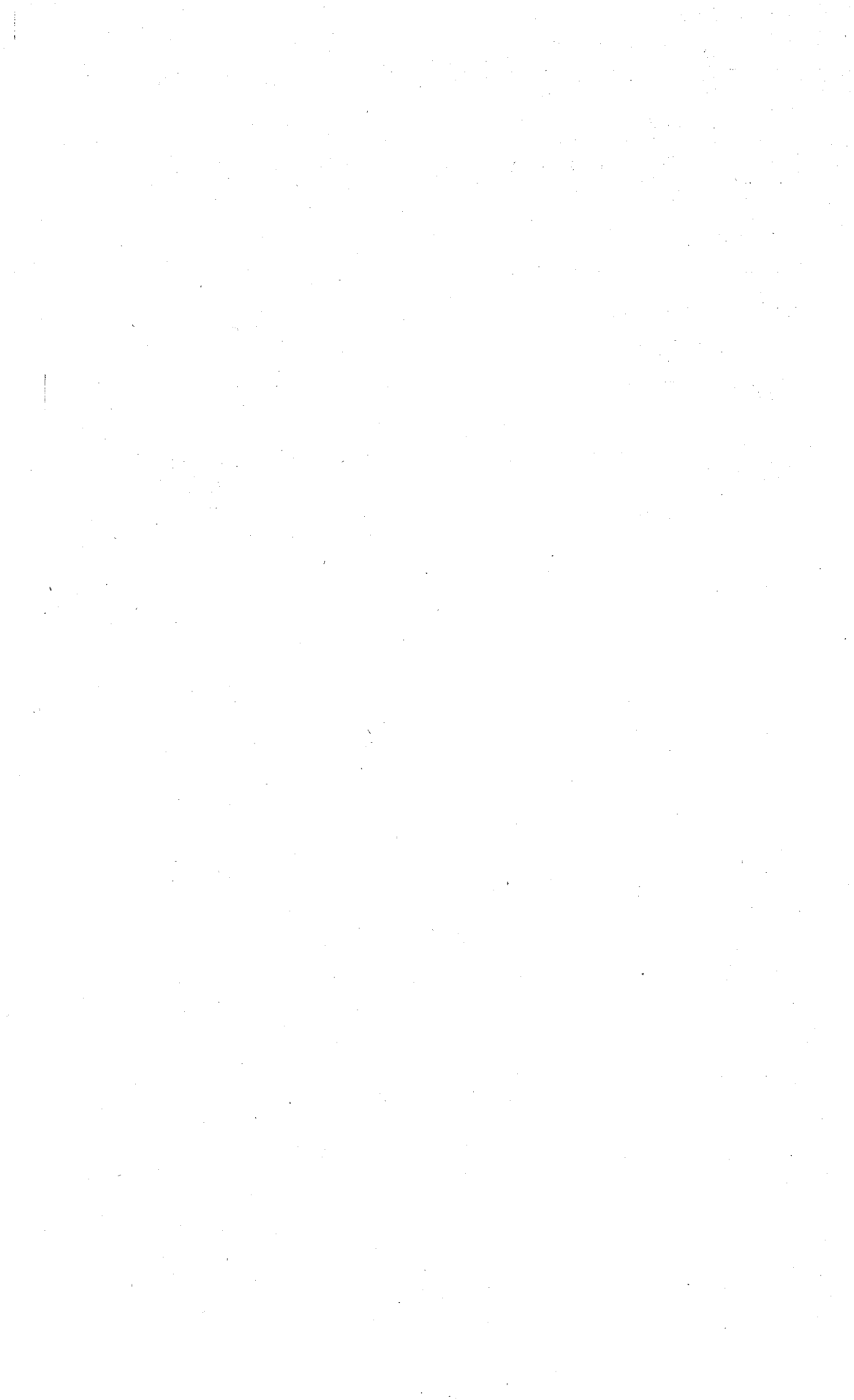
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1628 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Dondas who had been granted leave of absence.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 13

Thursday 2 March 1978

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. PETITION: Miss D'Rozario presented a Petition from 107 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Petition received and read.

3. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Isaacs: To present the Workmen's Compensation Bill 1978 (Serial 60).

Mr Everingham: To present the Evidence Bill 1978 (Serial 45).

Mr Everingham: To move -

That this Assembly directs each Honourable Member to deliver to the Clerk for transmission to Mr Speaker on or before the first of August each year, a signed statement of the Member's financial affairs setting out:

- (a) the nature and value of the assets as at thirtieth of June, including money owing and any beneficial interest in any trust arrangement to and of
  - (i) the Member; and
  - (ii) the Member's spouse and each child below the age of 18 years;
- (b) the nature and amounts of the liabilities of the Member and his or her spouse jointly and each child below the age of 18 years as at the thirtieth of June;
- (c) in respect of each Member and his or her spouse and children below the age of 18 years, each source of income and expenditure exceeding two thousand dollars during the twelve months to thirtieth of June;
- (d) the details of each transaction in excess of two thousand dollars, involving the acquisition or disposal of an asset of the Member, his or her spouse, and each child below the age of 18 years, which has taken place during the twelve months to thirtieth June;
- (e) the nature of the involvement of the Member and of his or her spouse during the twelve months to thirtieth of June in any company whether public or private and whether as a shareholder or otherwise.

That Mr Speaker keep all statements delivered in a register and may, at his discretion, at all reasonable times make the register available to any bona fide enquirer and shall advise the House of those persons to whom the register is made available.

That Mr Speaker shall report to the Assembly at each sittings following the due date for delivery of statements on the compliance by Members with these directions.

Mr Perron: To present the Town Planning Bill 1978 (Serial 61).

Mr Steele: To present the Annual Holidays Bill 1978 (Serial 43) and the Fisheries Bill 1978 (Serial 44).

4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
5. DAMAGE TO WHARF - STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, laid on the Table a statement relating to damage caused to Stokes Hill Wharf by M.V. Beroona.
6. PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: Mr Steele, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to an answer given to a question on motor vehicle registration fees on 1 March 1978.
7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent ten Bills relating to Aboriginal lands -

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stages and the third readings of the Bills together; and

(b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

Question put and passed.

8. ABORIGINAL LANDS BILLS - ABORIGINAL LAND BILL 1978 (Serial 31), CROWN LANDS BILL 1978 (Serial 32), SPECIAL PURPOSES LEASES BILL 1978 (Serial 33), CEMETERIES BILL 1978 (Serial 34), SOCIAL WELFARE BILL 1978 (Serial 35), MINING BILL 1978 (Serial 36), TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 37), PETROLEUM (PROSPECTING AND MINING) BILL 1978 (Serial 38), COAL BILL 1978 (Serial 39), and ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES BILL 1978 (Serial 50): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bills which were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

9. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY BILL 1978 (Serial 62): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

REQUEST FOR URGENCY: Mr Speaker, having considered a request from Mr Everingham submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

Debate adjourned.

10. OATHS BILL 1978 (Serial 41): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

11. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1205 and 1400 hours.

Question put and passed.

12. HOUSING COMMISSION FINANCES: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Miss D'Rozario -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to Executive Member's Orders was called on.

14. EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S ORDERS: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -

That the Orders be noted.

Debate ensued.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS: Personal explanations were made by Mrs O'Neil and Mr Vale.

Question put and passed.

15. TRANSFER OF PUBLIC SERVANTS: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to conditions applicable to Australian Public Servants transferring to the Northern Territory Public Service.

Miss D'Rozario, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING SERVICES: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to drafting of legislation.

17. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR. I.L. TUXWORTH: Mr Vale moved -

That leave of absence for this day be granted to Mr Tuxworth who is engaged in ministerial discussions on the Kakadu National Park.

Question put and passed.

18. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the statement on constitutional development was called on.

19. CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

20. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Steele moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1558 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Tuesday 7 March 1978.

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Dondas and Mr Tuxworth who had been granted leave of absence.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 14

Tuesday 7 March 1978

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. PETITIONS: Mr Perkins presented a Petition from 234 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Petition received and read.

Mr Vale presented a Petition from 558 citizens relating to the proposed removal of the rail terminal to a site south of the Alice Springs town area.

Petition received and read.

Miss D'Rozario presented a Petition from 80 citizens which was identical in terms with the Petition presented by Mr Perkins.

Petition received.

Mr Doolan, on behalf of the Member for Elsey, presented a Petition from 80 citizens which was identical in terms with the Petition presented by Mr Perkins.

Petition received.

Mrs O'Neill presented a Petition from 245 citizens which was identical in terms with the Petition presented by Mr Perkins.

Petition received.

3. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Steele: To present the Traffic Bill 1978 (Serial 66).

Mr Robertson: To move -

That the Member for Port Darwin, Mr T. Harris, replace the Member for Barkly, Mr I. Tuxworth, as the nominee of this Assembly to the Northern Territory Consultative Committee on Social Welfare.

Mr Robertson: To present the Weights and Measures Bill 1978 (Serial 16) and the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Bill 1978 (Serial 15).

4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
5. DRESS OF MALE MEMBERS: Mr Speaker made a statement relating to a relaxation of the standard of dress for male members in the Chamber.

6. PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS: Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, moved -

That this Assembly hereby directs each Honourable Member to deliver to the Clerk for transmission to Mr Speaker on or before the first of August each year, a signed statement of the Member's financial affairs setting out:

- (a) the nature and value of the assets as at thirtieth of June, including money owing and any beneficial interest in any trust arrangement to and of
  - (i) the Member; and
  - (ii) the Member's spouse and each child below the age of 18 years;
- (b) the nature and amounts of the liabilities of the Member and his or her spouse jointly and each child below the age of 18 years as at the thirtieth of June;
- (c) in respect of each Member and his or her spouse and children below the age of 18 years, each source of income and expenditure exceeding two thousand dollars during the twelve months to thirtieth of June;
- (d) the details of each transaction in excess of two thousand dollars, involving the acquisition or disposal of an asset of the Member, his or her spouse, and each child below the age of 18 years, which has taken place during the twelve months to thirtieth June;
- (e) the nature of the involvement of the Member and his or her spouse during the twelve months to thirtieth of June in any company whether public or private and whether as a shareholder or otherwise.

That Mr Speaker keep all statements delivered in a register and may, at his discretion, at all reasonable times make the register available to any bona fide enquirer and shall advise the House of those persons to whom the register is made available.

That Mr Speaker shall report to the Assembly at each sittings following the due date for delivery of statements on the compliance by Members with these directions.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

7. APPLICATION OF N.T. LAWS TO OFF-SHORE AREAS - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a Statement on the application of Northern Territory laws to off-shore waters.

8. TOWN PLANNING BILL 1978 (Serial 61): Mr Perron, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Perron, by leave, moved -



That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Town Planning Bill 1978 (Serial 61) passing through all stages at this sittings.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

Debate adjourned.

9. ANNUAL HOLIDAYS BILL 1978 (Serial 43): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

10. EVIDENCE BILL 1978 (Serial 45): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

11. FISHERIES BILL 1978 (Serial 44): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

12. LOTTERY AND GAMING BILL 1978 (Serial 54): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 1978 (Serial 52): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1201 and 1400 hours.

14. INTERPRETATION BILL 1978 (Serial 42): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Everingham, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Interpretation Bill 1978 (Serial 42) passing through all stages at this sittings.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

Original question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Clause 1 -

On the motion of Mr Everingham the following amendment was made:

Omit "Interpretation Ordinance 1978" and substitute "Interpretation (Amendment) Ordinance 1978".

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Title agreed to. \_\_\_\_\_

The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

15. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY BILL 1978 (Serial 62): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.  
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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.  
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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

16. PUBLIC SERVANTS IN NORTHERN TERRITORY - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Everingham -

That the Statement be noted.

Question put and passed.

17. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -

That the Statement be noted.

Question put and passed.

18. THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - PROPOSED ADDRESS IN REPLY: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Everingham -

That the Address be agreed to.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

19. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 1000 hours on Thursday 9 March 1978.

Question put and passed.

20. MAJORITY PARTY POLICY FOR FUTURE PLANNING - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Mr Isaacs -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that he would present the Address in Reply to His Honour the Administrator at 1630 hours on Wednesday 8 March 1978, and invited Members to accompany him.

22. N.T. TRADE DELEGATIONS - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Mr Doolan -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

23. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent Executive Members on the next sitting day introducing Bills without notice.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

24. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1717 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Thursday 9 March 1978.

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Dondas who had been granted leave of absence.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 15

Thursday 9 March 1978

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978 - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. ADDRESS IN REPLY - PRESENTATION: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that, accompanied by Honourable Members, he had waited upon His Honour the Administrator at Government House on 8 March 1978 and presented to His Honour the Address in Reply passed by the Assembly on 7 March 1978.

His Honour the Administrator was pleased to make the following reply:

"Mr Speaker,

Thank you for your Address in Reply which you have just presented to me. It will afford me much pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen the message of loyalty of the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory of Australia to which the Address gives expression."

3. PETITIONS: Mr Isaacs presented a Petition from 356 citizens of the Northern Territory requesting a referendum on the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Petition received and read.

Petitions in similar terms were presented by Mr Tuxworth (341 signatures) and Miss D'Rozario (105 signatures).

Petitions received.

Mr Isaacs presented a Petition from 838 citizens relating to the issue of private hire car licences in Darwin.

Petition received and read.

Mr Harris presented a Petition which was identical in terms with the Petition presented by Mr Isaacs from 747 citizens.

Petition received.

4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
5. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - FOURTH REPORT: Mr Oliver laid on the Table the fourth report of the standing committee.
6. HOUSING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT: Mr Perron laid on the Table the annual report of the Northern Territory Housing Commission for 1973-4.
7. LAND SUBDIVISION - STATEMENT: Mr Perron, by leave, made a statement relating to an approach made to him by a Mr A.G. James, whose name had been mentioned in a speech in the Assembly.

Mr Perron, by leave, laid on the Table a paper relating to the approach made to him by Mr James.

8. COMMONWEALTH DAY AND THE C.P.A. - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a Statement relating to the observance of Commonwealth Day and to the significance of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Mr Isaacs, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted -

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a Statement relating to administrative arrangements proposed to have effect with the transfer of powers to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on 1 July 1978.

Mr Isaacs, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted

and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

10. NORTHERN TERRITORY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WELFARE - APPOINTMENT: Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, moved -

That the Member for Port Darwin, Mr T. Harris, replace the Member for Barkly, Mr I. Tuxworth, as the nominee of this Assembly to the Northern Territory Consultative Committee on Social Welfare.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills relating to weights and measures -

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stages and the third readings of the Bills together; and

(b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

12. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILLS - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL 1978 (Serial 16) AND WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (PACKAGED GOODS) BILL 1978 (Serial 15): Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, presented the Bills which were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the Bills be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

13. TRAFFIC BILL 1978 (Serial 66): Mr Steele, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

14. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION BILL 1978 (Serial 67): Mr Perron, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

15. ELECTRICAL WORKERS AND CONTRACTORS BILL 1978 (Serial 70): Mr Perron, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

16. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1978 (Serial 69): Mr Perron, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

17. SUPPLY OF SERVICES BILL 1978 (Serial 72): Mr Perron, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

18. LICENSING BILL 1978 (Serial 55): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

REQUEST FOR URGENCY: Mr Speaker, having considered a request from Mr Everingham submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

Debate adjourned.

19. LOTTERY AND GAMING BILL (No. 2) 1978 (Serial 65): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

20. MOTOR VEHICLES BILL 1978 (Serial 63): Mr Steele, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Steele moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

21. STAMP BILL 1978 (Serial 64): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

22. POLICE AND POLICE OFFENCES BILL 1978 (Serial 46): Mr Everingham, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.



23. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL 1978 (Serial 40): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to the resolution of 7 March 1978, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later day.

24. HUMAN TISSUE TRANSPLANTS - LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT: The order of the day having been read for debate on the motion of Mr Everingham -

That the Assembly take note of the Report.

Debate ensued.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1205 and 1400 hours.

Question put and passed.

25. TOWN PLANNING BILL 1978 (Serial 61): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Mrs O'Neil declared an interest in land and because of that interest stated she would not take part in debate on the Bill or in the Committee stages.

Miss D'Rozario moved as an amendment -

That all words after "That" be omitted and that the following words be inserted "whilst not declining to give the Bill a second reading, the Assembly is of the opinion that the whole of Part III of the Town Planning Ordinance should be replaced by a new Part to provide for control of the subdivision of freehold land."

Debate ensued.

Mr Vale moved -

That the question be now put.

The Assembly divided - The Speaker (Mr MacFarlane) in the Chair.

AYES 11

Mr Ballantyne  
Mr Everingham  
Mr Harris  
Mr MacFarlane  
Mr Oliver  
Mrs Padgham-Purich  
Mr Perron  
Mr Robertson  
Mr Steele  
Mr Tuxworth  
Mr Vale

NOES 6

Mr Collins  
Mr Doolan  
Miss D'Rozario  
Mr Isaacs  
Mrs Lawrie  
Mr Perkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put -

That the amendment be agreed to.

The Assembly divided - The Speaker (Mr MacFarlane) in the Chair.

AYES 6

NOES 11

Mr Collins  
Mr Doolan  
Miss D'Rozario  
Mr Isaacs  
Mrs Lawrie  
Mr Perkins

Mr Ballantyne  
Mr Everingham  
Mr Harris  
Mr MacFarlane  
Mr Oliver  
Mrs Padgham-Purich  
Mr Perron  
Mr Robertson  
Mr Steele  
Mr Tuxworth  
Mr Vale

And so it was resolved in the negative.

Debate resumed on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendments were made:

Omit "Section 18(1) of the Principal Ordinance is amended - " and substitute "The definition of 'subdivide' in section 18(1) of the Principal Ordinance is amended -".

Omit from paragraph (a) "from the definition of 'subdivide' the word".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 agreed to, after debate.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was added to the Bill; after debate:

"7. The amendments effected by sections 3, 4 and 5 of this Ordinance do not apply to or in relation to the lodgment of, or a dealing in land in accordance with, a plan that, if those amendments did apply, would be a plan of subdivision, being a plan that was examined and approved by the Surveyor-General before 7 March 1978."

Title agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

26. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR: The following message was read by the Clerk:

Message No. 3.

I inform the Assembly of the following action taken pursuant to the provisions of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910 (as amended):-

His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, did on the ninth day of February 1978, declare that he withholds assent to the Housing Ordinance 1974, made by the Legislative Council and reserved by the Administrator for the Governor-General's pleasure.

Copies of the relevant Order and of the Statement of Reasons tabled in Parliament pursuant to section 4Z of the Act, are attached.

(Sgd) J.A. ENGLAND  
Administrator

The Clerk laid on the Table a copy of the Order by His Excellency the Governor-General and a copy of the Statement of Reasons.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
ORDER  
BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

WHEREAS by section 4V of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910 it is provided that every Ordinance passed by the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory shall be presented to the Administrator for assent, and that the Administrator shall thereupon declare, according to his discretion, but subject to the Act, that he assents thereto, or that he withholds assent, or that he reserves the Ordinance for the Governor-General's pleasure, or may return the Ordinance to the Legislative Assembly with amendments that he recommends:

AND WHEREAS by section 4X of the said Act it is provided that where the Administrator reserves an Ordinance for the Governor-General's pleasure, the Governor-General shall, subject to that section, declare that he assents to the Ordinance, or that he withholds assent to the Ordinance, or that he withholds assent to part of the Ordinance and assents to the remainder of the Ordinance, or may return the Ordinance to the Administrator with amendments that he recommends:

AND WHEREAS an Ordinance entitled the Housing Ordinance 1974 was at the meeting of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory held in May 1974, passed by that Council and has been presented to the Administrator for assent and the Administrator has declared that he reserves the Ordinance for the Governor-General's pleasure:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that assent to the Ordinance be withheld:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Zelman Cowen, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby declare that I withhold assent to the Housing Ordinance 1974.

Dated this           ninth day of February One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

ZELMAN COWEN  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

EVAN ADERMANN  
Minister of State for the Northern Territory.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

"Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910

Section 4Z

Statement of Reasons for Withholding Assent  
to the Housing Ordinance 1974

This Ordinance was passed by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory and reserved by the Administrator for the Governor-General's pleasure. The Governor-General on 9 February 1978 withheld assent to the Ordinance.

The Ordinance provides that where a tenant of a Housing Commission dwelling applies to the Housing Commission for the purchase of the dwelling occupied by him during the preceding five years, the Commission shall offer that dwelling for sale to that tenant.

This measure could have resulted in the disposal by the Commission of its older, low-rental range of dwellings, obliging the Commission to subsidise low-income earning tenants in newer high-rent homes. Assent action on this Ordinance was therefore deferred, pending the completion of a review of the Commission's whole home sales policy.

Following the completion of the review, the Housing Ordinance 1977 was passed and brought into operation on 1 July 1977. That Ordinance provides for a comprehensive home sales scheme and supersedes the Housing Ordinance 1974 which no longer serves any purpose.

(Sgd) EVAN ADERMANN  
Minister for the Northern Territory "

27. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Licensing Bill 1978 (Serial 55) was called on.
28. LICENSING BILL 1978 (Serial 55): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Ballantyne)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

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The Assembly resumed - The Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

29. REVENUE RAISING - STATEMENT: Mr Perron, by leave, made a statement relating to revenue raising in the Northern Territory.

Mr Isaacs, by leave, moved -

That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE: Mr Everingham sought leave to ask a question of Mr Isaacs, pursuant to standing order 91.

Leave denied.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

30. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 1000 hours on Tuesday 18 April 1978 or such earlier time appointed by Mr Speaker, which time shall be notified to each member in writing.

Question put and passed.

31. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Steele moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1737 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Tuesday 18 April 1978 or such earlier time appointed by Mr Speaker, which time shall be notified to each member in writing.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sittings except Mr Dondas who had been granted leave of absence.

F.K.M. THOMPSON  
Clerk of the Assembly

SECOND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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